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Amendment

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 09/02/2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

rotor to be modified in view of Anderson et al. in order to provide augers for merging crop flow in lieu of the members 16. Such a modification would not meet the terms of the claims requiring the second overshoot rotor to be the one that includes the transverse conveyors. Therefore, claim 10 is thought allowable over the combination of EP '441 and Anderson et al.

Claims 11-15 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 10 and are likewise thought allowable.

Claim 16 depends from claim 1 and adds the requirement that the second rotor consist only of the outer end sections. Claim 16 is thought allowable since it is not seen what benefit would accrue from making the second rotor so as to be defined only by outer end sections as claimed. Thus, it is not seen how such a modification would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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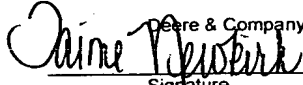
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